

Notorious cultist, Japron, one other killed in Lagos cults clash

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Two persons who the police described as notorious cult gang members were shot dead at the venue of a political meeting on Wednesday at Shomolu area of Lagos state.

Also, 21 others who participated in the bloody clash have since been arrested. They are being detained at the Homicide unit of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti Street,

Yaba.

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It was learnt that the Lagos State Police boss, Imohimi Edgal, has directed Ademorin Kuye, the convener of the meeting, to report immediately to the State Criminal Investigation Department to answer questions as to why he called for a political meeting without informing the police.

The police identified the deceased as Ibrahim a.k.a Small Japron and one Solo, whose surname was not given.

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The police said that Japron had been the biggest political thug whose gang has been reigning terror at Shomulu and its environs.

He was arrested and paraded twice last year and during one of the parades, Japron admitted killing over five persons and inflicting injuries on many others.

The second time he was arrested he alleged that his political godfathers secured his bail with the help of a yet to be identified Judge in Lagos.

Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) who confirmed the report said that around 5.15 pm on Wednesday the Divisional Police Officer in charge of Pedro Police Station, received a call that two persons, later identified as Ibrahim a.k.a Small Japron and one Solo, were killed at a political gathering organised by Ademorin Kuye at a place called Home Touch, situated at No. 228, Ikorodu Road by Obanikoro Way.

Oti said the deceased, who had been involved in several cult clashes, were on the wanted list of the police for leading several cult fights in the Shomolu, Bariga, Fadeyi and Ojuelegba areas of the state.

He said that the deceased were trailed to the gathering by a rival cult group that invaded the arena and began to attack people.

According to him, the fight was however brought to an end by the police who arrived quickly at the scene and made some arrests.

“Unfortunately for the notorious cultists, Ibrahim (a.k.a Japron) and Solo, lost their lives as a result of injuries sustained during the fight” he added.

Recall that the command had on September 10, 2018, issued a press statement warning politicians not to gather in public places without notifying it to enable adequate provision of security and prevent hoodlums from hijacking such events.

The police said that the host of the political meeting did not inform the police of his intention to host his supporters.

“Meanwhile, 21 persons have so far been arrested in connection with the case and are currently been questioned by homicide detectives of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCIID) Panti, Yaba. Also invited to Panti, is the politician, Hon. Ademorin Kuye.

“The Commissioner of Police, Lagos State, CP Imohimi Edgal has ordered a manhunt for the perpetrators of the dastardly act, vowing that the command will leave no stone unturned in ensuring that the authors of the crime are prosecuted” he said.